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1. ☒ The amendment filed on 17 September 2004 under 37 CFR 1.312 has been considered, and has been:

a) ☐ entered.

b) ☐ entered as directed to matters of form not affecting the scope of the invention.

c) ☐ disapproved because the amendment was filed after the payment of the issue fee.

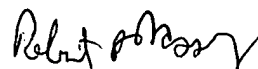
Any amendment filed after the date the issue fee is paid must be accompanied by a petition under 37 CFR 1.313(c)(1) and the required fee to withdraw the application from issue.

d) ☒ disapproved. See explanation below.

e) ☐ entered in part. See explanation below.

1. Claim 1 was listed as preeviously amended, but it was currently amended. Claim 6 was amended in the prior amendment to dleete the s in sheet. Hence, it should be listed as previously amended. The changes in claims 10 and 20 were already added via the examiner's amendment. Claims 14-16 should be listed as canceled, not withdrawn, as they were canceled in the exazminer's amendment. .

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